

Amendments to the Specification:

Please make the following amendments to the specification (material to be inserted in replacement paragraphs or sections is in **bold and underline**, and material to be deleted is in ~~strikeout~~ or (if the deletion is of five or fewer consecutive characters or would be difficult to see) in double brackets [[]]).

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 4, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Watercraft 10 may also include other items of outfitting. For example, watercraft 10 may include a back support 22, one or more hip pads 24 supported by hip braces 26, thigh braces 28, foot braces (not shown), bulkheads (not shown), etc. Hip pads 24, thigh braces 28, back support 22, seat 18 or any other suitable item of outfitting may be connected to a fluid-activated fitting system controlled by a squeeze bulb 30, or other suitable pump and release valve system. Examples of suitable fluid fitting systems are disclosed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/215,361, filed August 7, 2002, **now U.S. Patent No. 6,729,259** and U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/726,969, filed December 2, 2003, **now U.S. Patent No. 6,948,442** the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated by reference. Also, watercraft 10 may include pillars, such as those shown at 32 in Fig. 2, that extend from hull 12 to deck 14 in bow and stern regions of the watercraft to help prevent the deck from collapsing under stress caused by water pressure against the deck and/or hull.